

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/092,733**
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 dated September 4, 2003
Reply to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003

REMARKS

Claim 1 - 4 remain pending in the present application, of which claims 1 - 4 have been amended. The applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **June 4, 2003**.

In the Abstract

As to the Examiner's outstanding objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure, as indicated above, the Applicant has amended the current Abstract to delete the legal phraseology contained therein.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the substitute Abstract of the Disclosure, as amended be approved by the Examiner.

In the Specification

The specification has been objected to due to certain informalities, which the Examiner deemed needed correction, as set forth in item 3, page 2 of the outstanding Action.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the specification obviates the objection to the specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully solicited.

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Claim Objections

Claims 2 - 4 have been objected to due to certain informalities, which the Examiner deemed needed correction, as set forth in item 4, page 2 of the outstanding Action.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 2 - 4 obviates the objection to these claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully solicited.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1 - 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wright (US Patent No. 6,142,372).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention is a waste vehicle tracking system in which ID tags are affixed to the waste vehicles. Bar codes are attached to manifest slips and waste containers. The waste is taken to intermediate treatment centers where the barcodes are scanned in and the waste is treated. The waste vehicle is tracked using a global positioning satellite (GPS) and also tracked upon entry to the disposal center using the ID tag.

Claim 1, as amended, now calls for *wherein when the waste transporting vehicle receives the waste container, the barcodes on the manifest slip and waste are scanned in and the waste*

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container is delivered to an intermediate treatment site, wherein the barcode on the container is scanned in when the waste container arrives at the intermediate treatment site, and wherein the barcode on the container is scanned in when the waste in the waste container is treated prior to delivery to the disposal site.

Wright describes a tractor trailer tracking system in which a bar code is positioned on the trailer (14) and the tractor. A global positioning satellite (GPS) is used to determine the coordinates of the trailer. Checkpoint posts (28) are provided with a gate opening (30) having a pair of bar code scanners (32) to identify the tractor and trailer (14) bar codes. A central monitoring unit (34) is connected to the bar code scanners (32).

However, it is respectfully submitted that Wright fails to disclose or fairly suggest the newly added features of claim 1 concerning *wherein when the waste transporting vehicle receives the waste container, the barcodes on the manifest slip and waste are scanned in and the waste container is delivered to an intermediate treatment site, wherein the barcode on the container is scanned in when the waste container arrives at the intermediate treatment site, and wherein the barcode on the container is scanned in when the waste in the waste container is treated prior to delivery to the disposal site.*

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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